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Clinton County Health Department Awarded Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant

Clinton County, NY, July 16, 2021. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Division of Nutrition have awarded the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) another five-year grant to prevent obesity in New York State. The Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) grant will implement strategies in Clinton County to combat obesity and other chronic diseases in high needs school districts and their surrounding communities. CCHD will work directly with school districts, worksites, early childcare centers and communities to improve access to nutritious affordable foods as well as increase opportunities for daily physical activity.

CHSC builds on the previous NYSDOH grant held by the county. Efforts will focus on sustainable policy, system and environmental changes in selected school districts and the communities where students and their families live.

‘CCHD is beyond excited to receive the next round of CHSC funding’, says Lisa Turner, Supervising Public Health Educator. ‘The grant’s multi-pronged approach will create even healthier places for residents to live, work, learn and play.’

CHSC staff will collaborate with area schools and communities to:

1. Establish food service guidelines in worksites and community settings to increase the availability of healthy foods.
2. Improve policies, practices and environments for physical activity and nutrition standards in Early Care and Education settings.
3. Implement community planning and active transportation interventions in municipalities to increase safe and accessible physical activity.
4. Incorporate nutrition and physical activity strategies in schools to support the CDC’s Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.

The award represents the most comprehensive funding the county has received to date to complete the above activities. Turner adds, ‘This grant has been and will continue to be a substantial benefit to the health of North County residents. We look forward to the next five years.’

For additional information, contact CCHD’s Health Planning and Promotion Division at 518-565-4993 or visit www.clintonhealth.org.
About the Clinton County Health Department:

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